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Fire Hits McLean Home Of Former CIA Worker

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Fire flashed through the McLean home of Richard H. Crowe last night, damaging the interior of the two-story dwelling on Crest lane to an estimated \$50,000.

Crowe, a former Central Intelligence Agency employe and a next door neighbor to Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, was not at home when the fire broke out.

Another neighbor, Mrs. Walter T. Skallerup Jr., spotted the flames and phoned the Udalls to ask if they were burning trash. A check disclosed that the Crowe estate,

which overlooks the Potomac, was in flames.

Neighbors said the fire appeared to have swept through the house almost instantaneously. Flames burst through the windows and roof lighting up the entire area.

Four engine companies and two truck companies brought the blaze under control within half hour.

The flames could be seen across the river, Montgomery County firemen reported. Several persons, who spotted the blaze from the Maryland side phoned the Montgomery County department to report it.